

INDIAN LAKE



SMOKE SIGNAL

December, 1979

Dear Fellow Residents of Indian Lake:

It is hard to believe that our boating and swimming season is behind us and it is time to sharpen our ice skates. In fact, by the time each of you read this it will be the heart of the Christmas Season. A season that I hope finds each of you healthy and well. This season also brings the chance to reflect on the year's past and future.

1979 for Indian Lake was a most successful year. The Lawrence Township sewer system has been completed with few problems. Our lake's ecology has been increased by the elimination of undesirable fish, the creation of fish attractors and the creation of a silt trap to improve water quality. Fishing has been further enhanced by the stocking of tens of thousands of game fish. Our dam has been repaired and is in the best condition for many years. Thousands of trees have been planted and a wild life refuge has been created on the east end of our lake. Likewise, several islands have been constructed to attract wildlife. Lastly, and most importantly, 1979 saw a great pulling together of our community to accomplish a common good.

This does not mean that 1980 leaves nothing to be accomplished. Our South Beach project still has a long way to go. The silt trap and levee have to be reseeded. The additional fill placed on the north side of the levee has to be worked and seeded. Our security patrol and North Beach control must be improved. Bushes and shrubs should be planted along the fence to the west of Indian Lake Road. The loose ends of the sewer project must be completed. Lastly, and most importantly, we must start considering the creation of a secondary spillway to be used in flood conditions. In fact, a recent Corp of Engineers inspection strongly recommends that we create this spillway.

This all brings to mind that our annual meeting will be held Monday, January 14, 1980, at 7:30 p.m. at the Oaklandon Elementary School. I cannot urge you too strongly to attend this meeting. In addition to a review of where we've been and where we are going we will: vote on the 1980 budget which is based on the new assessments, vote for three new directors, and have an opportunity to question a representative from Lawrence on the sewer project. Aside from the business aspects it is always great to see our neighbors, who in many cases we haven't seen since the annual picnic. Incidentally, coffee and cookies will be served again by our Women's Committee. Make a note now on your calendar to make this meeting.

We are again seeking good candidates for the Board. If you are interested call Shelly Heurkemp at 823-6493. Please don't hesitate to get involved. There is time and effort involved in directorship, but the personal satisfaction of seeing our community grow and prosper far outshines the bad. We always are looking for new ideas so come forward and put your name on the list.

Speaking for myself and my fellow directors, we hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing each of you January 14, 1980.



Tom Crouch

Thomas A. Crouch

LAKE HAPPENINGS'



Annual Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party will be held December 15th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lyon's home, 10445 Indian Lake Blvd., North Drive, for children ages 3 - 9. Children 3 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Please bring a gift for your child prior to the party to Flo Peck's home or Zelda Upton's home. The gift should be valued under \$2. These gifts will be given to Santa for delivery at the party.

Reservations should be made by Dec. 12th. Please call Zelda Upton, 823-6606 or Sharon Lyons, 823-4215 if your child will attend.

New Officers

The following were elected by the Women's Committee for 1980: Zelda Upton, Pres., Sharon Lyons, V.P., Deloros Serra, Sec.-Treas. and Shelly Huerkamp, Hospitality.

Leaf Burning

More than meets the eye

Leaf burning in other than approved containers is illegal in Marion County. Smoke from burning leaves can be unpleasant to your neighbors and a serious problem to people allergic to smoke. The smoke from poison ivy can have serious effects on most people. In short, bag your leaves or put them in a convenient gully and in the spring they will be great mulch for your garden.

Deepest Sympathy

There comes a time in all our lives when we have to part with a loved one. It is never easy and especially when that one is a beloved daughter. Our words are so inadequate, yet we want our long time neighbor and friend, Kathryn Malstrom to know how deeply we feel on the death of her daughter, Barbara. Our thoughts are often with you.

Fall Social

The Women's Committee hosted the Fall Social in October at the Peck's home with 23 ladies from around the lake attending. Homebaked breads and cookies were served with hot apple cider.

A delightful show was given under the direction of Jean Schaney with members of the Committee modelling the latest in hats and wigs.

"ACROSS THE FENCE"



Psalm 100 says, "O be joyful in the Lord, come before His presence with song." Someone once said you don't have to be able to sing, just make a joyful noise. Well my warbling this morning may not fit in the singing category, but I am sure it would still qualify for the joyful noise department. Truly, I have been singing away like a Lark in the April skies all morning long. No, it's not sunny and warm like April; in fact, it's downright miserable outside. I even had car trouble and I was stuck on Fall Creek for a time. There is something more in the air. Could it be the Christmas Spirit already? I hope so.

Christmas Spirit. What is it that makes us kinder, more tolerant and more apt to express our appreciation to our loved ones, our friends and neighbors? The Christmas story in verse and song is always very special with its message of Peace that has not changed in the last 1979 years, and the wonderful thing is this, that it will never change. If that isn't Hope, then I don't know what is. The story of Jesus's Love is the greatest story ever penned. So many of us have so much to be thankful for every day of our lives.

The birth of a baby is always special and especially more so as it approaches the Birthday of the Babe of Bethlehem. We are happy to celebrate the birth of a beautiful granddaughter, Shawn Renee, to Pat and Jack Grey. Now you know the reason for Pat's very ready smile. Be sure to ask Pat. She will be pleased to tell you about the cutest baby you ever did see. Our very best wishes to the entire Malcolm family who recently celebrated the arrival of a lovely, little daughter, Kate.

Dick and Ernestine Lyke are patiently awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild. In fact, the baby may have already arrived by the time this paper is printed.

Belated but nonetheless sincere Birthday wishes to Erik Koehring and her Dad.

Poor Lois Armstrong, I must have talked her ear off. That's what happens when you don't see people for quite some time. Lois and Wally will be celebrating Christmas here with Bill, Tom and their families. Then it's a quick getaway to sunny Florida for the winter months, especially to visit with Wally, Jr. and his clan. Wally, Jr.

will be playing in the British Open Golf Championship this coming year. I really think Wally, Sr. and Lois should make the trip with him. How I wish that I had the money to go home with them. I would love to take them on a tour of County Fermanagh. The entire Armstrong Clan moved from the lowlands of Scotland (which is right on the English - Scottish border) to Northern Ireland many years ago. That makes Wally, Sr. an Ulster-Scots like myself. Of course, we are in very good company. Wally, I bet you didn't know that seven of the Presidents of the good old U.S.A. were all direct descendents of the Ulster-Scots. Presbyterians who settled here away back. Och, sure it's nice to be a Hoosier too.

Looks like Mildred French will be keeping very busy this month, not only with Christmas, but with granddaughter, Karen's wedding scheduled for the last day of the month. Our very best wishes to the young couple.

This will be the first winter on Indian Lake for the Tanner, Minter, Clase, Boger and Hoone families. Did you know that we can have quite a lot of fun in the winter. The lake is beginning to freeze already but certainly not safe enough yet for fun. If the weather stays cold, and the snow stays away, we could be in for some perfect ice and weeks of skating.

We can't send all the Children on the Lake a Christmas card, but here is a beautiful old children's hymn for children of all ages.

Father lead me day by day
Ever in thine own sweet way
Teach me to be pure and true
Show me what I ought to do.

When I'm tempted to do wrong
Make me steadfast, wise and strong
And when all alone I stand
Shield me with Thy mighty hand

When my heart is full of glee
Teach me to remember Thee
Happy most of all to know
That my Father loves me so.



To every home on the Lake, we send Blessed Christmas Greetings and pray for Peace in the New Year for America.

See you next time,
God Willing

Maureen

